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How Life Expectancy Varies Greatly Within Cities

BY MIKE MACIAG

The typical life expectancy for residents of the low-income Gilpin neighborhood of Richmond, Va., is just 63 years. A short drive across the river to the wealthier Westover Hills finds residents living a full 20 years longer.

Neighborhood life expectancy gaps are fairly common and driven by a range of factors, such as poverty, infrastructure and access to health care. The Center on Society and Health at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is collecting and mapping life expectancy data for several cities. In the 10 areas reviewed so far, researchers found large gaps -- regardless of how large or densely populated jurisdictions were -- said Derek Chapman, the center's associate director for research.

Life expectancy in Chicago's neighborhoods, for instance, ranged from 69 to 85 years. Las Vegas ZIP codes also recorded a 16-year difference, according to the VCU research.

Several cities track and report their own data depicting similar disparities. In Baltimore, life expectancies range from the mid-80s on the city's north side to 66 years in the poorest communities. The Cincinnati Health Department calculated that those living in the city's Mt. Lookout and Columbia-Tusculum neighborhoods live 88 years, compared to a citywide average of 76 years.

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Where Union Representation is Shrinking

BY MIKE MACIAG

Nationally, labor union representation has remained flat in recent years. But, according to new data, it's significantly declining in some states.

The U.S. Department of Labor published updated statistics Thursday detailing unions' presence in the workforce. It reported that 12.3 percent of U.S. workers were represented by a union in 2015. That's the same as last year but still only half what it was in the early 1980s.

In all, 22 states recorded declines in union representation last year -- several of which have seen representation trending down for years. The biggest drivers of falling union representation are anti-union laws or cutbacks in unionized industries.

In nowhere has union representation dwindled more recently than in Wisconsin, once a union stronghold. Unions now represent 9.4 percent of its workforce -- down from 12.5 percent in 2014 and 15.1 percent in 2010, according to federal data. One reason for the sharp decline is, of course, the 2011 Act 10 law pushed by Gov. Scott Walker. That law eliminated collective bargaining for many public workers and made them contribute more toward their health care and pensions. More recently, the state enacted a right-to-work law last year prohibiting

private-sector unions from requiring the employees they represent to join or pay dues. Twenty-five states currently have some form of right-to-work law, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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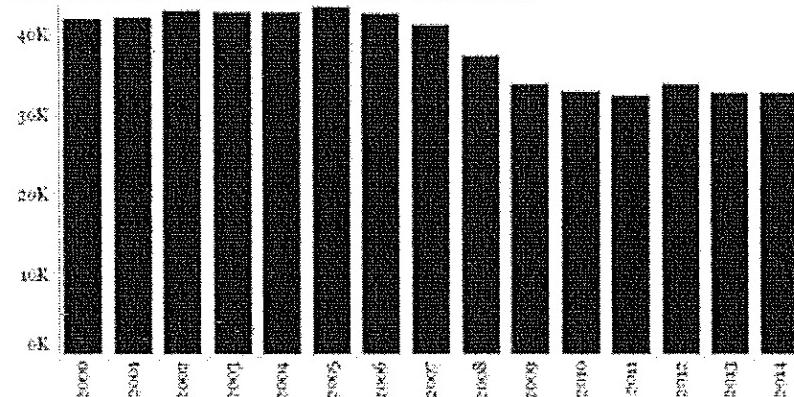
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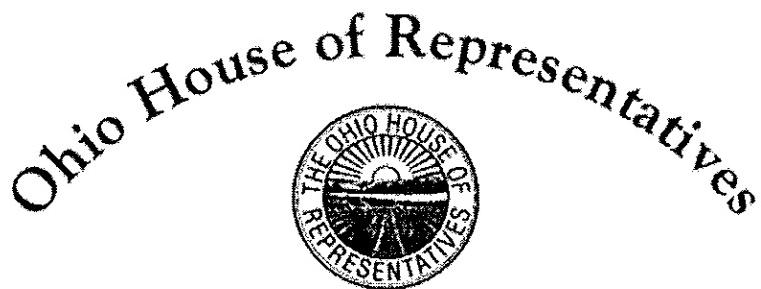
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Christie Kuhns and Representative Janine Boyd
DATE: February 18, 2016
RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave

We will soon introduce legislation to create the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Beginning in 2020, the program will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. Only two states, California and New Jersey, offer paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums

have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Dan Maxwell, at 466-1645 or via email at Dan.maxwell@ohiohouse.gov. **The deadline to co-sponsor is Monday February 29th at 5:00pm.**

From: Maxwell, Dan
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Subject: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave



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Importance: High

To All House Republican Members and Staff:

Attached you will find the 2016 JLEC memorandum on attending a political convention. With the Republican National Convention being located in Cleveland in July, there will likely be many members and staff who decide to attend the convention in various capacities, as well as many different receptions and other events associated with the convention. The attached JLEC memo will help explain the ethics implications of many of the situations that may arise during the convention.

The most important detail to remember regarding the Republican National Convention is that it is a campaign event. The exemption that applies to the meetings of national conferences that the General Assembly pays dues to (such as NCSL, ALEC, CSG, etc) does not apply to the Republican National Convention.

There will be many different situations that arise regarding the convention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Michael Lenzo
Majority Legal Counsel
House Republican Caucus
Ohio House of Representatives
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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate and House Caucus Counsel
From: Office of the Legislative Inspector General
Date: April 26, 2016
RE: *Attendance at National Political Party Nominating Conventions*

Members of the General Assembly and legislative staff may be in attendance at the presidential nominating convention ("political convention") for their respective political parties later this summer. In addition to the actual convention, many events will be held in the host cities (RNC - Cleveland and DNC - Philadelphia) at the same time. These events are likely to be hosted by a variety of different organizations. The purpose of this memo is to review the limitations on what may be accepted and the reporting requirements for Members and legislative staff in attendance.¹ This information is applicable to those in attendance whether as Delegates or as general attendees.

I. *Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages:*

Members and legislative employees² must identify the source of all **official** meals and beverages where the value exceeds \$100, aggregated per calendar year in *Section 10: Meals, Food and Beverages* on their financial disclosure statement. Only meals *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties must be reported on the financial disclosure statement. In order for a meal to be *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties, it is necessary that the functions are related to, or associated with, the individual's position as a public official or employee. Attendance at a political convention is not related to, or associated with, a person's official duties with the General Assembly. Therefore, meals and other food and beverages

¹ Although questions have been raised in the media as to the applicability of R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery" in the context of national conventions, JLEC's jurisdiction and enforcement authority does not include R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery". This memorandum addresses expenditure limits applicable in the absence of bribery.

² For financial disclosure reporting purposes, legislative employees are those employees of the General Assembly or any legislative agency that file a financial disclosure statement.

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provided to a Member or legislative employee at a political convention are not incurred in connection with their official duties and do not count toward the \$100 threshold.³

II. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages from Lobbying Sources:

Meals and beverages provided to a Member or legislative employee directly from an Ohio legislative agent or the employer of an Ohio legislative agent, will be reported by the legislative agent or employer regardless of whether the meals and beverages were related to official duties. Meals and beverages provided by a legislative agent to a Member of the General Assembly or legislative staff while attending a political convention count towards the \$75 annual limit. The “national conference exception,” often referenced when discussing Ohio’s ethics and lobbying laws, **does not apply to political party nominating conventions.**

Members and all legislative staff are reminded that they are prohibited from accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in meals and beverages from a legislative agent.⁴ This limit does not apply to meals and beverages from the employer of a legislative agent.⁵ A Member’s or legislative employee’s name will be included in a legislative agent’s Activity and Expenditure Report, if he or she accepts more than \$50 in meals and beverages from the legislative agent in a calendar year.⁶ Meals and Beverages received from the employer of a legislative agent are reportable from \$0.01. A Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

Please note: Meals and beverages provided at an All-Invited Event do not count towards the \$75 annual limit or trigger the reporting of a recipient’s name on a lobbying report. An All-Invited Event is a dinner, party, or reception to which all Members of the General Assembly, or all Members of either chamber of the General Assembly, are invited to attend. An event need not be exclusive to General Assembly Members to be considered an All-Invited Event.⁷

III. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Gifts:

Members and legislative employees must identify the source of a gift where the value of the gift or gifts, aggregated per calendar year exceeds \$75 (or if received from a legislative agent, \$25) in *Section 9: Gifts* on their financial disclosure statement.⁸ Members and all legislative

³ Generally, receptions are considered to fall under the meal section where the main purpose of the event is for social gathering and not entertainment, even assuming there is some type of background entertainment. However, where the main purpose is entertainment (i.e., a well-known band is hired to perform a concert), that would be considered a gift.

⁴ R.C. 102.031(C)(2); § 5(B)(2) Legislative Code of Ethics.

⁵ To determine whether an expenditure is attributable to a legislative agent or an employer, the Ohio Legislative Inspector General (OLIG) uses a “point of sale” test. From the perspective of the recipient, the OLIG asks: “at the time of the expenditure, who would the recipient say paid for or provided the expenditure?” See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 46.

⁶ Legislative Agents may spend up to \$50.00 aggregated per calendar year per reportable person without itemizing the expenditure. See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 41.

⁷ R.C. 101.73(D).

⁸ R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g). Generally, a gift provided to a spouse is for the use or benefit of the Member or employee (i.e., spouse is receiving the gift because he or she is the spouse of the Member or employee).

staff are reminded of the prohibition on accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in gifts from a legislative agent.⁹ A legislative agent or employer of a legislative agent who provides a gift valued at more than \$25, must report the Member or legislative employee as the recipient of a gift on their corresponding Activity and Expenditure Report.¹⁰ In turn, a Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

A. Charitable Fundraisers – Tickets:

A non-political fundraiser is one held by a non-profit charitable organization. A ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is the entity hosting the event is not a gift for lobbying or financial disclosure reporting purposes.¹¹ However, Members and legislative staff are reminded that a complimentary ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is a third party is a gift.¹² Where the source of the complimentary ticket is a third party, the value of the ticket is the portion of the ticket price that is not a tax-deductible charitable donation.¹³

B. Political Fundraisers – Tickets:

Regarding the acceptance and reporting of tickets to political fundraisers, Members and legislative employees are reminded that a ticket to a political fundraiser given to a Member or legislative staff by a person other than the candidate or committee on whose behalf the fundraiser is being held is a gift.¹⁴ The value of which, is the actual face value of admission.¹⁵ However, complimentary attendance at a political fundraising event is not considered a gift if the source of the complimentary admission is the candidate/committee hosting the event.¹⁶

C. Reporting of Social Events Held by the Political Parties During the Political Conventions:

During the political conventions, the national (RNC/DNC), state (Ohio Republican Party/Ohio Democratic Party), and/or local political parties will also likely hold non-fundraising social events as part of the political conventions. The costs incurred for the social events may be offset by financial support provided to the national, state, or local political parties from third parties, including those who are registered lobbyists or the employers of registered lobbyists. Where the Member or legislative employee is invited by a national, state, or local political party to attend the event hosted by the party, the source of the gift for financial disclosure statement reporting purposes is the party organization hosting/inviting the Member

Therefore, the amount of the gift must be added to the amount, if any, of the gift received by the Member or employee.

⁹ R.C. 102.031(C)(3); § 5(C) Legislative Code of Ethics.

¹⁰ Admin. Code 101-9-01(D)(2).

¹¹ 2000 JLEC Advisory Op. 2000-002; See R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g).

¹² 2014 JLEC Advisory Op. 2014-003; See R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g).

¹³ 2014 JLEC Advisory Op. 2014-003.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ 2000 JLEC Advisory Op. 2000-002.

¹⁶ *Id.*

or legislative reportable person. Mere financial support provided by sponsors to the national, state, or local political parties does not trigger financial disclosure or lobbying reporting by those sponsors.

IV. Prohibition – Travel:

Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting travel expenses¹⁷ from a legislative agent **except actual travel expenses related to official duties**, which Members and legislative employees must identify under *Section 8: Travel* on their financial disclosure statement.¹⁸ Travel payments or reimbursements made to a Member or legislative employee for attendance at a presidential national convention **are not incurred in connection with their official duties**. As such, except for each car trip under 50 miles one way, Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting actual transportation/lodging expenses from a legislative agent for any travel related to attendance at a political convention.¹⁹

Please note that travel expenses paid for or reimbursed by a **campaign committee** are not considered gifts for financial disclosure purposes. These reimbursements will be reported in campaign finance reports, thus serving the public interest of full and fair disclosure. Reasonable, ordinary, necessary and verifiable expenses for a candidate/officeholder and spouse to attend a party's national convention are considered to be legitimate campaign fund expenditures.²⁰

¹⁷ For ethics purposes, travel is defined as lodging and any transportation by airplane, train, or common carrier regardless of the distance and any transportation by automobile, for each trip which exceeds 50 miles per trip; one way. Lodging encompasses the following: (1) A stay of one or more nights in a commercial establishment or (2) A stay of one or more nights in a noncommercial private dwelling. As to noncommercial private dwellings, this includes residences owned in whole or in part by a legislative agent. See 1997 JLEC Advisory Op. 97-006.

¹⁸ R.C. 102.031(C)(1); R.C. 102.03(H); § 5(B)(1) Legislative Code of Ethics.

¹⁹ If a Member or legislative employee accepts travel from a non-prohibited source, he or she will report the entity as the source of a gift.

²⁰ Ohio Elections Commission Advisory Opinion 96ELC-09, available at <http://elc.ohio.gov/AdvisoryOpinion/96ELC-09.pdf>.

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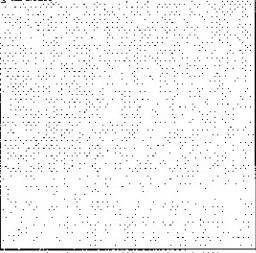
Good morning,

I wanted to make sure that you received an invitation (copied below) to hear Solicitor General Elbert Lin of West Virginia, the lead oral advocate for the plaintiffs in the Clean Power Plan lawsuit, speak about the case. Buckeye is co-hosting this luncheon event with the Columbus Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society on June 29 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Athletic Club of Columbus.

All the best,

Joe

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Will you join us for this important discussion? [Click here](#), or the button below, for details on the event and on how to register.

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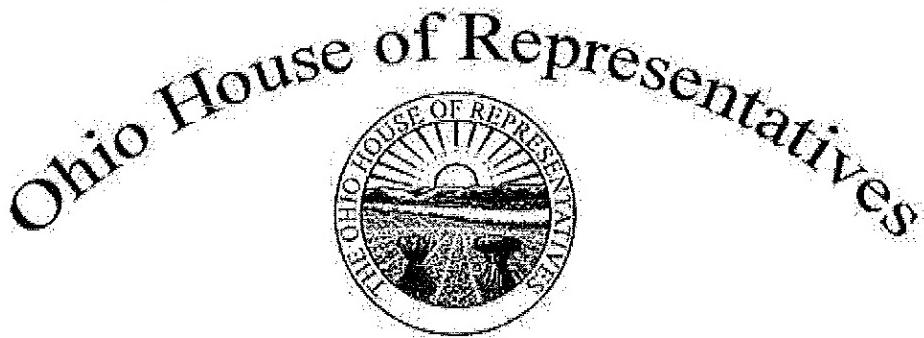
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Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

To: GOP House Members
From: Representative John Becker
Date: June 24, 2016
RE: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

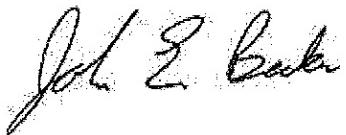
I will soon be introducing a public sector right-to-work bill.

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- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
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If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov. The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

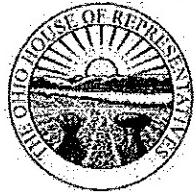


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Ohio House of Representatives



Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

To: GOP House Members
From: Representative John Becker
Date: June 24, 2016
RE: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

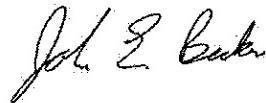
I will soon be introducing a public sector right-to-work bill.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov. The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.



John Becker
65th House District

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Managing Marijuana: the Role of Data-Driven Regulation

BY STEPHEN GOLDSMITH

When Colorado voters approved a ballot measure to legalize the sale of recreational marijuana in 2014, state officials knew they would have to quickly develop a robust system to safely and securely control the flow of the drug across the state, and they managed to do just that with the help of advanced tracking and data analytics. What Colorado is doing provides an impressive example of an emerging, more effective regulation model.

To deal with the consequences of marijuana's legalization, Gov. John Hickenlooper appointed Andrew Freedman as director of marijuana coordination, and the legislature created the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) in the state's Department of Revenue. MED drew on the state's experience with its preexisting medical marijuana regulations, examining what had worked previously to regulate and inventory controlled substances. [Keep reading >>](#)

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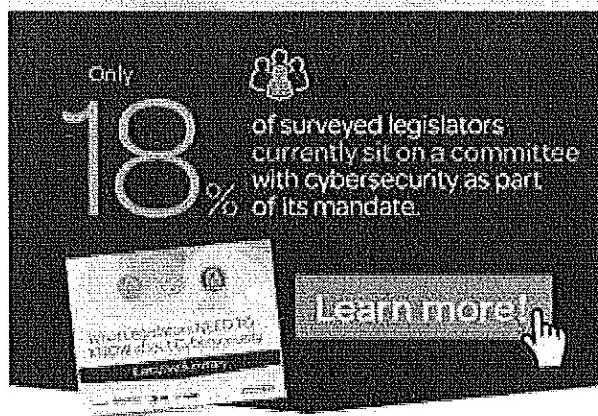
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State and Local Election Results

Last night's Republican sweep wasn't limited to federal elections. The GOP also gained power in state governorships and a number of downballot offices. Here's how Tuesday impacted the national landscape:

- Governors
- Secretaries of State
- State Attorneys General
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Despite the Trump tide, voters at the local level approved new taxes on soda and bond measures for housing and transportation. They also ousted several tough-on-crime prosecutors, as well as Trump ally Joe Arpaio.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Finance
CHAIR: Ryan Smith
DATE: Wednesday, November 16th, 2016
TIME: 9:00 AM
ROOM: Room 313

AGENDA

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HJR 5	Rep. Lepore-Hagan		1st Hearing Spon. Testimony

And Rep.
Smith, K.

Proposing to enact Section 2t of
Article VIII of
Constitution of the State of
Ohio to permit the issuance of
general obligation bonds to
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improvements

HB 67

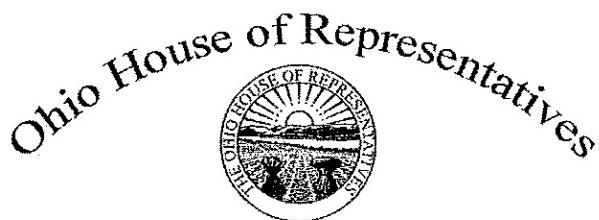
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Additional Information

From: Blessing, Heather
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2016 2:47 PM
Subject: 2016-12-05 Controlling Board Actions
Attachments: 2016-12-05 Controlling Board Agenda.pdf

Dear Republican Members and Staff:

A list of Controlling Board actions from the Monday, December 5, 2016 meeting is attached and available online (<https://www.ecb.ohio.gov/Public>ShowAgenda.aspx>).

Amended:

- Item #15 (*OSU0100852-17: The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Fund 7024, ALI C315ET (Research Portal - Project), in FY17, for the Research Portal project in Columbus, Franklin County*) was updated to correct a fund number.

Objections

- Item #1 (*AGO0100474 -17: The Attorney General's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer \$1,309,070.39 in cash and appropriation from Fund 5KM0, ALI 911614, CB Emergency Purposes to Fund R004, ALI 055631 General Holding Account to pay half of the court ordered attorney fees and expenses in the cases of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), et al., v. Husted, et al., and Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1, et al., v. Husted et al.*) – was passed by a vote of 6-1 (with Sen. Coley objecting).

Substitutions

- Rep. Scherer was appointed to serve as designee for Rep. Smith.

All other items were approved without objection. The next meeting of the Controlling Board is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2016 at 1:30PM in the North Hearing Room of the Statehouse. Please contact me if you have any questions or need of additional information.

Sincerely,
Heather Blessing

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**CONTROLLING BOARD
OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**

December 5, 2016 Agenda

*The meeting of the Controlling Board will be held at 1:30 p.m.,
in the North Hearing Room of the Statehouse Senate Office Building.*

- 1 AGO0100474 -17 The Attorney General's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer \$1,309,070.39 in cash and appropriation from Fund 5KMO, ALI 911614, CB Emergency Purposes to Fund R004, ALI 055631 General Holding Account to pay half of the court ordered attorney fees and expenses in the cases of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), et al., v. Husted, et al., and Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1, et al., v. Husted et al.
- 2 AUD0100032 -17 The Auditor of State's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the total amount of \$188,170, with \$150,536 from Fund 4220, ALI 070602 (Public Audit Expense - Local Govts) and \$37,634 from Fund 1090, ALI 070601 (Public Audit Expense - Intrastate), in FY17, to renew the teammate electronic workpaper software maintenance and support license with Wolters Kluwer Financial Services.
- 3 AUD0100033 -17 The Auditor of State respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$222,500.00 from fund 5840, ALI 070603 (Auditor Training Expense), in FY17, to contract with Central Ohio Chapter (COC) Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Columbus, Franklin County, for co-sponsorship of 2017 Emerging Trends Fraud Conference.
- 4 AUD0100034 -17 The Auditor of State's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to increase appropriation in the amount of \$3,134,000 in fund 6750, ALI 070605 (Uniform Accounting Network), in FY17, to replace computer hardware for the Uniform Accounting Network clients. There are currently 1,935 local governmental entities that use UAN. \$3,134,000 is inclusive of computer hardware, software, installation, data security, and antivirus software.
- 5 UAK0100148 -17 University of Akron respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$61,795.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C25000 (Basic Renovations-UAPD Relocation and Renovation) and an agency released competitive opportunity per R.C. 127.162 to contract with DS Architecture, Kent, Portage County, in FY17, to provide professional design services for the Basic Renovation - UAPD Relocation and Renovation project in Akron, Summit.
- 6 BGU0100127 -17 Bowling Green State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$27,151.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C24051 (Campus-wide HVAC Upgrades), in FY17, for the Campus-wide HVAC Upgrades project in Bowling Green, Wood County.

- 7 [CCCO100103 -17](#) Cuyahoga Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$59,560.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C37800 (Basic Renovations), in FY17, and agency released competitive opportunity per R.C. 127.162 to contract with CT Consultants , Inc., to provide architectural design services for the Corporate College East Parking Lot Rehabilitation, Eastern Campus, Cuyahoga County.
- 8 [ESC0100042 -17](#) Edison State Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$30,250.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C39016 (Roof Replacement), in FY17, for professional design services for the Roof Replacement - West Hall 2nd Floor project in Piqua, Miami County. (Project #ESC1700004)
- 9 [ESC0100043 -17](#) Edison State Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$19,700.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C39019 (Parking Lot Resurfacing), in FY17, for professional design services for the Parking Lot Resurfacing - Lot #1 project In Piqua, Miami County. (Project #ESC1700005)
- 10 [LOR0100035 -17](#) Lorain County Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C38311 (Workforce Based Training & Equipment) to Cuyahoga Community College's Fund 7034, ALI C37805 (Workforce Based Training & Equipment), and to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C38311 (Workforce Based Training & Equipment), in FY17, to purchase equipment for the RAPIDS Workforce Based Training and Equipment Program in Elyria, Lorain County.
- 11 [OHU0100312 -17](#) Ohio University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$160,740.62, which includes previously released capital appropriation in the amount of \$46,644.72, from Fund 7034, ALI C30120 (Herrold Hall Renov - Lancaster), to Fund 7034, ALI C30074 (Basic Renovations-Lancaster), and to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$24,799.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C30074 (Basic Renovations-Lancaster), in FY17, for the design phase of the Herrold Hall Roof Project at Ohio University's Lancaster Campus, Fairfield County.
- 12 [OHU0100313 -17](#) Ohio University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$836,750.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C30025 (Southeast Library Warehouse), in FY17, for the construction phase of the Southeast Library Warehouse project in Athens, Athens County.
- 13 [OSU0100849 -17](#) The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$3,255,800.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C315DQ (Elevator Safety Repair and Replacements), in FY17, for the Elevator Safety Repair and Replacements project in Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County.
- 14 [OSU0100850 -17](#) The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$321,281.12 from Fund 7034, ALI C315X2 (Integrated Tech Infrastructure), in FY17, for the Integrated Tech Infrastructure project in Columbus, Franklin County.

- 15 [OSU0100852 -17](#) The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C315ES (Research Portal - Project), in FY17, for the Research Portal project in Columbus, Franklin County.
- 16 [UTO0100230 -17](#) University of Toledo respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$2,769,242.26 from Fund 7034, ALI C34068 (Academic Technology and Renovation), in FY17, for the Academic Technology and Renovation project in Toledo, Lucas County.
- 17 [WSU0100183 -17](#) Wright State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$249,982.70 from Fund 7034, ALI C27570 (Envelope Repairs), in FY17, for the Envelope Repairs project in Fairborn, Greene County.
- 18 [WSU0100184 -17](#) Wright State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$225,500.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C27559 (Progressive Agricultural Convention and Educational (PACE) Center), in FY17, which include an agency released competitive opportunity to contract with SPGB Architects, Dublin, Franklin Co., for the Progressive Agricultural Convention & Educational Center project in Celina, Mercer County.
- 19 [BOR0100368 -17](#) The Department of Higher Education respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$750,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C23530 (Technology Initiatives) to The Ohio State University Fund 7034, ALI C315X2 (Integrated Tech Infrastructure), in FY17, for Integrated Technology Infrastructure Projects in Columbus, Franklin County.
- 20 [BOR0100369 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Higher Education respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C23551 (Research Portal) to The Ohio State University ALI C315ES (Research Portal Project), in FY17, for the Research Portal project in Columbus, Franklin County.
- 21 [ADJ0100400 -17](#) The Adjutant General's Department respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriations in the amount of \$40,082.06, which is compromised of \$30,061.55 from fund 3420, ALI C74537 (Basic Renovations) and \$10,020.52 from fund 7026, C74535 (Renovations Projects) to execute the window and door Replacement Project at Building 943 of the Rickenbacker Army Enclave in Franklin County.
- 22 [ADJ0100401 -17](#) The Adjutant General's Department respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriations in the amount of \$71,729.00, which is compromised of \$53,796.75 from fund 3420, ALI C74537 (Basic Renovations) and \$17,932.25 from fund 7026, C74535 (Renovations Projects) to execute the Window and Door Replacement Project at Building 944 of the Rickenbacker Army Enclave in Franklin County.

- 23 ADJ0100402 -17 The Adjutant General's Department respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Fund 3420, ALI 745616 (Army National Guard) in FY17 for Apex Fabrication & Design Inc., Boyertown, PA., to install a new access point entry security gate at the Joint Force Headquarters in Bechtler Armory located in Columbus.
- 24 AGR0100285 -17 The Ohio Department of Agriculture respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release appropriation in the amount of \$249,745.00 from Fund 7057, ALI C70009 (Agricultural Easement), In-FY17, which include an agency released competitive selection to purchase an agricultural easement through the following local sponsor: Three Valley Conservation Trust. The total purchase will be for a property in Preble County totaling 448.041 acres.
- 25 DEV0103031 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$9,000,000 from fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to 34 nonprofit agencies through the Supportive Housing Program.
- 26 DEV0103032 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$9,253,200 from Fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to 39 nonprofit and local government agencies through the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP).
- 27 DEV0103042 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$356,800 from fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to the Ohio CDC Association (OCDCA) located in the city of Columbus, Franklin County.
- 28 DEV0103043 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$490,000.00 from Fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low and Moderate Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO), located in the city of Columbus, Franklin County.
- 29 DEV0103044 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$200,000 from fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to Habitat for Humanity of Ohio (Habitat), to construct or rehabilitate single-family homes for low-income families across the state.
- 30 DEV0103048 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$10,025,073.00 from Fund 6460, ALI 195638, (Low and Moderate Income Housing Programs), In FY17, for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to administer the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP).
- 31 DEV0103049 -17 The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$500,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan to Thomas Steel, Inc. and co-borrower Thomas Equipment & Leasing LLC, for the purchase of equipment to be located at 305 Elm Street, Bellevue, Ohio 44811 in Huron County (Project Site).

- 32 [DEV0103050 -17](#) The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$250,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan to T & B Manufacturing Services, LLC for the purchase of equipment to be located at 375 Center Street, Miamiville, Ohio 45147 in Hamilton County (Project Site).
- 33 [DEV0103051 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$200,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 34 [DEV0103052 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$37,269.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Kent State University (KSU) located in the City of Kent, Portage County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 35 [DEV0103053 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$50,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to University of Toledo (UT) located in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 36 [DEV0103054 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$250,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to University of Akron (UA) located in the City of Akron, Summit County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 37 [DEV0103055 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7011, ALI 195687 (Third Frontier Research & Development Projects), in FY17, to The Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 38 [DEV0103056 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7011, ALI 195687 (Third Frontier Research & Development Projects), in FY17, to Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 39 [DEV0103057 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to The Ohio State University (OSU) located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 40 [DEV0103058 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to University of Cincinnati (UC) located in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.

- 41 [DEV0103059 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to UHHS, Inc., (UH) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 42 [DEV0103060 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$100,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to GlobalFlyte, Inc., located in the City of Akron, Summit County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 43 [DEV0103061 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$150,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to ICBM Medical, Inc., located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 44 [DEV0103062 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$150,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Med-Compliance IQ, LLC, located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 45 [DEV0103063 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$100,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Smart 3D Solutions, located in the City of Akron, Summit County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 46 [DEV0103064 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$40,000.00 from fund 7011, ALI 195687 (Third Frontier R&D Projects), in FY17, to UHHS, Inc., (UH) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 47 [DEV0103065 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$9,207,100.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to CincyTech, LLC (CincyTech) located in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.
- 48 [DEV0103066 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$18,799,086.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to JumpStart Inc. (JumpStart) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.
- 49 [DEV0103067 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$9,170,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Rev1 Ventures (Rev1) located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.

- 50 [DEV0103068 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$3,595,706.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Ohio University (OU - TechGROWTH) located in the City of Athens, Athens County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.
- 51 [DEV0103071 -17](#) The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$1,000,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, for a Commercial Acceleration Loan Fund loan to NaviStone, Inc. located in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- 52 [DEV0103074 -17](#) The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$500,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan from fund 7037, 195615 (Facilities Establishment) in FY17, to KDL Properties LLC (KDLP) for the purchase and renovation of real estate located at 2000-2050 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43207 in Franklin County (Project Site).
- 53 [DEV0103075 -17](#) The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$500,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan from fund 7037, ALI 195615 (Facilities Establishment) in FY17, to Arnold Machine, Inc. (AMI) for the purchase machinery & equipment to be located at 19 Heritage Drive, Tiffin, Ohio 44883 in Seneca County (Project Site).
- 54 [ETH0100003 -17](#) The Ohio Ethics Commission (Commission) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to increase appropriation authority in the amount of \$90,000 in FY 2017 for Fund 4M60, line item 146601 - Operating Expenses.
- 55 [DOH0100353 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to establish appropriation for Fund 5SH0, ALI 440520, Wishes for Sick Children, in the amount of \$150,000 for SFY17.
- 56 [DOH0100356 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$12,424.95 from fund GRF, ALI 440451 (Public Health Laboratory) In SFY17 to purchase upgraded Windows 7 compatible analysis software for the operations of sequencing based assays on the Applied Biosystems 3130xl Genetic Analyzer (ABI 3130xi) from Life Technologies Corporation, Carlsbad, CA, for the Public Health Laboratory (PHL).
- 57 [DOH0100357 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Health respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$72,559.11 from Fund 4730, ALI 440622 (Lab Operating Expense), for SFY17 to purchase newborn screening supplies from Eppendorf North America, Hauppauge, New York, for the Public Health Laboratory (PHL).
- 58 [DOH0100358 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to increase appropriation authority in the amount of \$1,550,000 in SFY17 for Fund 4730, ALI 440622, Lab Operating Expenses for the Newborn Screening Program.

- 59 JFS0100403 -1617 The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of an amendment to a previously approved contract with Xerox State & Local Solutions, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia, In the amount of \$45,000 in FY17, to add an additional deliverable to provide a monthly outreach service for parents who recently establish paternity for a child and there is not an existing case in the Support Enforcement Tracking System (SETS) and for unmarried mothers who recently had a child in Ohio and paternity is not established with the Centralized Paternity Registry (CPR).
- 60 DMH0100621 -17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58001 (Community Assistance Projects), In FY17 for Family Recovery Center in Lisbon, Columbiana County, a contract agency of the Columbiana County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board.
- 61 DMH0100622 -17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58001 (Community Assistance Projects), In FY17 for Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties, in Newark, Licking County, Ohio.
- 62 DMH0100624 -17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$872,555.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58008 (Emergency Improvements), in FY 17, including an agency released opportunity in the amount of \$812,555.00 for Westfield Electric of Gibsonburg, Ohio, and \$60,000 in contingency, for Project DMH-150012, Transformer and Emergency Generator Replacement at Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital.
- 63 DMH0100625 -17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$490,000 from Fund 7033, ALI C58004, Demolition, and ALI C58000, Hazardous Materials Abatement in FY 17, including an agency released competitive opportunity in the amount of \$447,000.00 for Pro Quality Land Development, Inc. of Campbell, Ohio and \$43,000.00 in contingency, for Project DMH-160015, Building, Tunnel, and Site Demolition at Northcoast Behavioral Health in Northfield, Ohio, Summit County.
- 64 DMH0100626 -17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58001 (Community Assistance Projects), In FY17 for House of Hope, Inc. in Columbus, Franklin County, a contract agency of the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Board.
- 65 DMR0100376 -17 The Department of Developmental Disabilities respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$15,000 for FY17, from Fund 3250, ALI 322612 (Community Social Services Programs), to amend the contract with Shelden & Rush LLC, Morgantown, North Carolina to provide training and technical assistance on evidence based early intervention services within the context of federal Part C of IDEA regulations and intent.

- 66 DMR0100377 -17 The Department of Developmental Disabilities respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for an agency release competitive opportunity in the amount of \$83,200-In FY17 from fund 3A40, ALI 653605 (DC and Residential Services and Support), to contract with Dr. Stuart Bassman, Cincinnati, Hamilton County to provide psychology services to residents of the Southwest Ohio Developmental Center.
- 67 DMR0100382 -17 The Department of Developmental Disabilities respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$25,000 from fund 3A40, ALI 653605 (DC and Residential Services and Support), in FY17, to contract with PCA-Corrections, LLC dba Choice Pharmacy, to provide medications necessary to treat individuals at the Cambridge Developmental Center.
- 68 DNR0101168 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$1,300,382.55 from Fund 7035, ALI C725B5 (Buckeye Lake Dam Rehabilitation), in FY17, which includes a waiver of competitive selection per O.R.C. 127.16B to amend the contract with ASI Constructors Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk professional services at Buckeye Lake State Park located in Millersport, Ohio in Fairfield and Licking Counties.
- 69 DNR0101222 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriations in the amount of \$1,021,046.81 from Fund 7031, ALI C725E5 (Project Planning) and \$1,842,133.19 from Fund 7035, ALI C725E6 (Project Planning), in FY17, for a total of \$2,863,183.00, which include a waiver of competitive selection to amend the owner's agent contract with Hill International, Inc., Philadelphia, PA.
- 70 DNR0101223 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$20,608.13 from Fund 7086, ALI C725A7 (Cooperative Grant Funding for Boat Facilities), in FY17, for improvements to the boat ramp at AW Marion State Park located in Circleville, Ohio In Pickaway County.
- 71 DNR0101224 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$878,742.78 from fund 7031, ALI C725N8 (Operations Facility Development), in FY17, to purchase equipment used to support land management operations and protect public health & safety.
- 72 DNR0101226 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$8,143,168.40 from Fund 7035, ALI C725R4 (Dam Rehabilitation - Parks), in FY17, for dam spillway improvements at Indian Lake State Park located in Lakeview, Ohio in Logan County.
This total includes a contingency in the amount of \$740,288.00.
- 73 DNR0101227 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$307,228.00 from Fund 7035, ALI C725R4 (Dam Rehabilitation - Parks), in FY17, which includes a waiver of competitive selection per O.R.C. 127.16B to amend the contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to provide design and construction administration services at Indian Lake State Park located in Lakeview, Ohio in Logan County.

- 74 [DNR0101228 -17](#) The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation and a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$7,500 from Fund 7031, ALI C22510 (Nature Preserves/Preserve Maintenance/Facilities), in FY17, to amend the contract with Environmental Design Group, LLC to provide design and bidding assistance for the boardwalk at the Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve located in Mentor, Ohio in Lake County.
- 75 [DNR0101229 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$10,500,000 from fund 7061, ALI C72514 (Clean Ohio Trail Fund), in FY17, for the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grants statewide.
- 76 [DNR0101230 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$2,979,478 from fund 7031, ALI C725E1 (Local Parks Projects Statewide), in FY17, for Round 23 of the Local Parks Projects Statewide NatureWorks grant program.
- 77 [PUB0100128 -17](#) The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with Roxanne Hoover, Esq., Portsmouth Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 78 [PUB0100129 -17](#) The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with Meadows Law Office, LLC (through the services of Gene Meadows, Esq.), Portsmouth Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 79 [PUB0100130 -17](#) The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with The Law Office of Richard M. Nash, Jr. (through the services of Richard M. Nash, Jr., Esq.), Portsmouth Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 80 [PUB0100131 -17](#) The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with Skaggs Law Office (through the services of Justin W. Skaggs, Esq.), Jackson Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 81 [PUB0100132 -17](#) The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to establish appropriation authority in the amount of \$26,700.00 in fund 4060, ALI 019603 (Training and Publications), in FY17, to sponsor certified legal education (CLE) training seminars with the general objective of training and educating attorneys and others in the legal representation of indigent persons.

- 82 DPS0100450 -17 The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$572,254.98 with \$450,000 from fund 7036, ALI 761321 (Information & Education Operating) and \$122,254.98 from fund 4W40, ALI 762321 (Operating Expense -BMV) in FY17 to acquire services from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for the implementation of Portable Driver Simulator Systems (PDSS).
- 83 DRC0101441 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$126,766.19 from fund 7027, ALI C50136 (General Building Renovation-Statewide), in FY17, for the Roof Replacement project at the Belmont Correctional Institution, St. Clairsville, Belmont County.
- 84 DRC0101542 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for an agency released competitive opportunity in the not-to-exceed amount of \$18,534.75 from fund GRF, ALI 501321 (Institutional Operations), in FY17, to obtain keys and lock supplies from Craftmaster Hardware LLC, Northvale, New Jersey, for the Pickaway Correctional Institution, Orient, Pickaway County.
- 85 DRC0101543 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$75,000.00 from fund 3230, ALI 501619 (Federal Grants), in FY17, for Carey Group Publishing, Viera, Florida, for the development of Electronic Direct Intervention Software for use by the Department.
- 86 DRC0101544 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer \$247,000.00 from fund 7027, ALI C50136 (General Building Renovation-Statewide), to fund 7027, ALI C50105 (Water System/Plant Improvements-Statewide), and to release \$447,000.00 from fund 7027, ALI C50105 (Water System/Plant Improvements-Statewide), in FY17, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation project at the Pickaway Correctional Institution, Orient, Pickaway County.
- 87 DRC0101545 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the not-to-exceed amount of \$93,600.00 from fund GRF, ALI 505321 (Institution Medical Services), in FY17, to contract with Edgardo O. Cabatan, Defiance, Defiance County, to provide short-term psychiatric services at various institutions.
- 88 DRC0101548 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for an agency released competitive opportunity in the amount of \$18,975.48 from fund GRF, ALI 501321 (Institutional Operations), in FY17, to obtain Fire Suppression System Inspections from Silco Fire & Security, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, for the Franklin Medical Center, Columbus, Franklin County.
- 89 DOT0100540 -17 Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$430,982.03 for Fiscal Year 2017 in Fund 7002, ALI 772421, Highway Construction-State, for a change order to the contract with Kokosing Construction Company to increase the construction contract amount for the major widening project on IR-75 in Lucas County, for cost escalations due to delay.

- 90 [DOT0100541 -17](#) Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$193,083.54 for Fiscal Year 2017 in Fund 7002, ALI 772421, Highway Construction-State, for a change order to the contract with Kokosing Construction Company to increase the construction contract amount for the major widening project on IR-75 in Lucas County, for a temporary retaining wall.
- 91 [DOT0100542](#) Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval in compliance with Chapter 5526.02 of the Ohio Revised Code in the amount of \$345,287.00 for Fiscal Year 2017 in Fund 7002, ALI 772421, Highway Construction-State, to modify the contract with Richland Engineering Limited, Mansfield, Ohio, Richland County to complete construction contract plans for the rehabilitation of the State Route 176 SB (Jennings Freeway) Bridge over Interstate Route 71 SB in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
- 92 [DOT0100543 -17](#) The Ohio Department of Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$550,062.53, from fund 7002, ALI 771412 and 771411 (Planning and Research - Federal and State, respectively), in FY17, to contract with the University of Akron Research Foundation, Akron, Ohio, .
- 93 [DOT0100544 -17](#) The Department of Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$1,500,000, from fund 7002, ALI 777475 (Aviation Administration) for Fiscal Year 2017 to collaborate with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) for the continued development and testing of the Ground-Based Sense and Avoid System (GBSAA) at Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport (KSGH).

State of Ohio, Controlling Board
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From: Amanda Woodrum
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Amanda Woodrum
CC: Cynthia Connolly
Subject: FW: An open letter to Governor Kasich: fund transit now!

Policy Matters Ohio



Dear Governor Kasich: fund transit now!

[A slew of Ohio organizations jointly sent a statement to Governor Kasich on Wednesday, December 14, requesting that the governor address Ohio's staggering underfunding of mass transit. This blog excerpts most of what they requested with some minor edits for clarity.]

Dear Governor Kasich:

As you know, according to the [2015 Ohio Department of Transportation \(ODOT\) Transit Needs study](#), the state of Ohio needs \$192.4 million in capital and \$96.7 million in operating funds just to meet existing demand for public transportation services. An additional \$273.5 million in one-time funding is needed to address system backlog and bring Ohio's transit fleet to a state of good repair.

Ohio's under-investment in public transit, over the past several decades, has left our public transit system lacking. Lack of widespread public transportation limits low-income workers' ability to get to jobs, stunting their ability to support themselves and their families. It also leaves too many people with disabilities as well as those who are aging essentially homebound, making it difficult for them to access the grocery store, the doctor's office, and to meet their other needs with dignity.

Ohio currently allocates little more than 1 percent of its entire transportation budget towards public transit; unfortunately, that meager investment ranks Ohio 47th out of all other states for its commitment to public transportation.

We, Ohioans for Transportation Equity, recommend Ohio invest at least 10 percent of its transportation budget in public transit as well as safe bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure and education, and stand ready to work with you to act upon ODOT's Transit Needs Study findings.

Ohio needs a 21st century transportation system made up not only of roads and highways but also a complete network of affordable, accessible and environmentally-friendly transportation options, including public transit, passenger and freight rail, streetcars, hybrid buses, electric vehicles and walkable, bikeable streets.

For low-income Ohioans, the cost of driving is often prohibitively expensive, and for the elderly and those with disabilities, driving may not be an option at all. Indeed, data indicates that 8.4 percent of Ohio households have no access to an automobile. Transportation also accounts for roughly 25 percent of all emissions in Ohio and half of the \$51.4 billion we spend on energy each year in Ohio (nearly all of which is imported from out of state).

Going forward, the state of Ohio should invest in more public transportation options to reduce our vulnerability to oil price spikes, create a more economically sustainable and accessible transportation system, give firms and workers low-cost and accessible commuting options, and reduce health-threatening emissions. Investments in accessible public transit options will also spur economic development, increase employment

opportunities, reduce urban sprawl and congestion, and create more livable communities for all Ohioans.

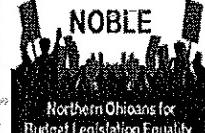
A greater investment in public transportation would yield significant positive outcomes not only for many Ohioans but also to help sustain the state's economic recovery. According to the American Public Transit Association, every \$1 invested in public transit generates \$6 in economic returns, and investments in public transportation projects create nearly 20 percent more jobs than equal investments in new roads and highways.

Respectfully,



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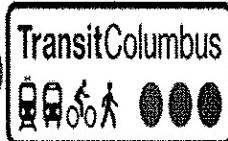
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Access Center for Independent Living
Advocates for Ohio's Future
All Aboard Ohio
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 268 (Cleveland)
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 627 (Cincinnati)
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 697 (Greater Toledo)
Amalgamated Transit Union Ohio Legislative Conference Board
American Council of the Blind of Ohio
Americans for Transit
Area Agency on Aging 3 (7 county region in NW Ohio)
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Catholic Social Services
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Center for Independent Living Options
The City of Lorain
Clevelanders for Public Transit
Disability Rights of Ohio
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
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Mid-Ohio Board of Independent Living Environments (MOBILE)

MOVE Lorain County

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National Church Residences - Center for Senior Health

Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality (NOBLE)

Nuns on the Bus Ohio

Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (o4a)

Ohio Bicycle Federation

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Janine Boyd
DATE: January 9, 2017
RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave

I will soon reintroduce legislation to create the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Beginning in 2020, the program will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. Only two states, California and New Jersey, offer paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums

have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this bill, please feel free to contact Dominic Paretti in my office at 4-5079 or Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov by 3 pm Friday, January 27, 2017.

Dominic Paretti
Legislative Aide to Representative Boyd
Ohio House District 09
614-644-5079

From: Hucke, Justin
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Hucke, Justin
CC: House_All
Subject: Co-sponsor Request: Online Checkbook



To: All House Members
From: Representatives Dever and Greenspan
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017
RE: Co-sponsor Request: Online Checkbook

In the near future, we plan to reintroduce legislation that will codify a state government expenditure database. This measure is identical to House Bill 46 of the 131st General Assembly, which passed the House of Representatives in April of 2015 unanimously with 74 co-sponsors.

Throughout the legislative process, this legislation had no opponents and attracted broad bipartisan support from organizations including the Buckeye Institute, Ohio Public Research Interest Group, and the Ohio Newspaper Association.

Using existing authority, in December 2014, Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel unveiled www.ohiocheckbook.com, an easily accessible, searchable database of state expenditures for our taxpayers to hold state government accountable for spending. The new website, arguably the best of its kind in the Nation, reflects the intent of this legislation, but it could readily be taken down by a future treasurer of state. Through this legislation, future treasurers, regardless of political affiliation or commitment to transparency, must maintain this important tool that already is providing more accountable government to our state's residents.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding its content, please contact Justin Huckle at 466-8120 or Justin.Huckle@ohiohouse.gov or Bill White at 466-0961 or Bill.White@ohiohouse.gov. The deadline for co-sponsoring this bill is Friday, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

From: GOVERNING Daily
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:47 AM
To: Griffin, Lisa
Subject: With Less State Aid, Localities Look for Ways to Cope

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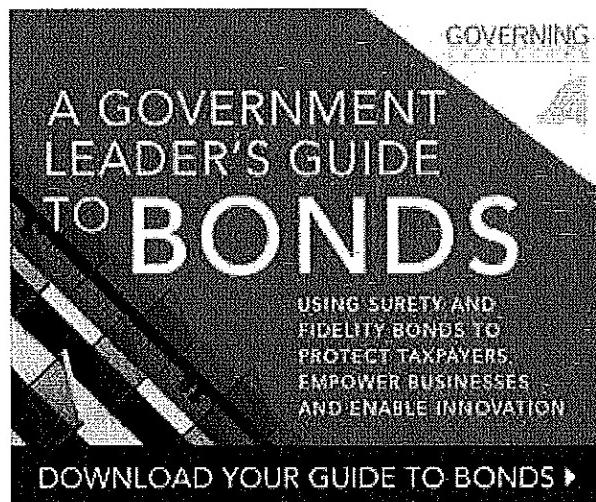
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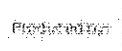
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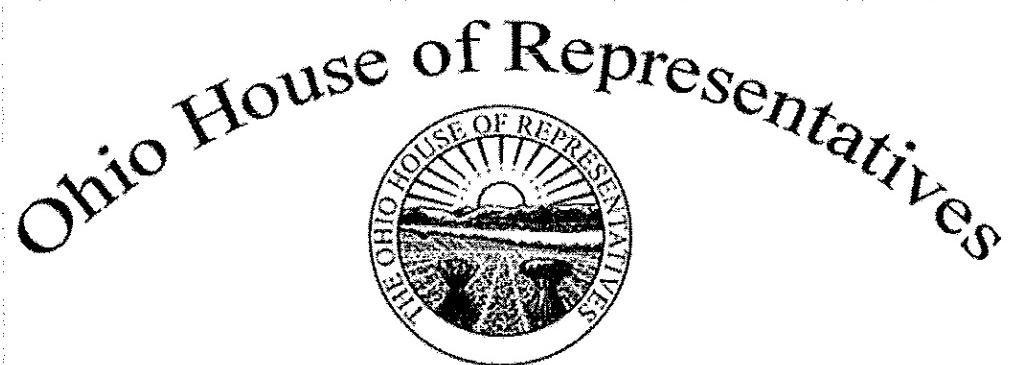
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"[Trump] said 'see you in court.' Well, Mr. President we just saw you in court and we beat you."

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From: Shamblin, James
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Rep37
CC: Roegner, Kristina
Subject: COMMITTEE NOTICE: The House Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations



Announcement of Committee Meeting

COMMITTEE: The House Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations
CHAIR: Kristina D. Roegner
DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2017
ROOM: Statehouse Room 115
TIME: 4:00 PM

Committee Agenda:

1. Committee and Member Introduction
2. Appointment of Committee Secretary
3. Adoption of Committee Rules
4. Presentation: Introduction and overview of Federalism from Daniel J. Dew of the Buckeye Institute and Peter Shane from The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law.

The Chair respectfully requests that testifying parties submit testimony to her office

24 hours prior to committee.

Testimony can be submitted to: james.shamblin@ohiohouse.gov

From: GOVERNING Better, Faster, Cheaper
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To: Griffin, Lisa
Subject: Social Media's Growing Utility for Government

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Social Media's Growing Utility for Government

BY STEPHEN GOLDSMITH

Anyone who doubts that creativity is abundant in the public sector need only scroll through the lists of semifinalists and "Bright Ideas" recognized by the Harvard Kennedy School's Innovations in American Government awards program. The programs being highlighted for this year signal a growing trend of utilizing existing technology platforms, and particularly social media, to reduce program costs and improve services. More often than not, these innovations tap into the practical know-how of digitally savvy public employees to address difficult challenges.

Blighted properties certainly qualify as that kind of challenge, one that many cities struggle to deal with effectively. Mobile, Ala., faced a growing blight problem compounded by incomplete data that relied only on residents' complaints to identify problem properties. So the city's innovation team turned to Instagram. Relying on the GPS information embedded in photos posted on the site, code-enforcement officers snapped and uploaded pictures of blighted properties to a shared account and then transferred the data to a mapping application to create a visual inventory. [Keep reading >>](#)

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How a Brooklyn Brewmaster Helped Make New York City Safer for Pedestrians

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Subject: RE: Proponent Testimony for HCR 4

Jimmy Shamblin – James.Shamblin@ohiohouse.gov; 614-466-1177

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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Griffin, Lisa <Lisa.Griffin@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: Proponent Testimony for HCR 4

Lisa,

Who is Roegner's aide? I need to submit testimony for tomorrow.

Best Regards,

Micah Derry
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Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:34 AM
To: Griffin, Lisa
Subject: RE: HR 85 bill briefing

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From: Griffin, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Kerns, Emily; Kasych, Shawn; Lundregan, Scott
Subject: Revised HR 85 bill briefing (by request)
Attachments: HR 85 E-Check (Young) 5-24-17.pdf

Rep. Young asked me to revise the bill briefing to indicate Americans for Prosperity support of HR 85. Attached.

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Updated May 24, 2017

H.R. 85 (YOUNG)
Urge Congress & President Trump to eliminate E-Check

House Co-Sponsors: Rutherford, Becker, Goodman, Zeltwanger, Koehler

Bill History

- 5/17/17 – Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee (1 Hearing), (10-2)

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Additional Information

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- **Policy Advisor:** Lisa Griffin, 937-554-6372, lisa.griffin@ohiohouse.gov

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To: Reed, Bob
Subject: RE: HR 85 bill briefing
Attachments: HR 85 E-Check (Young) 5-24-17.pdf

I revised the bill briefing and sent it for inclusion in caucus packets. Packets could be already prepared so no guarantee the new version will be in there. Rep. Young may want to include AFP's support in his floor speech today.

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From: Ohio House Republican Communications
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:53 PM
Subject: GOP Week in Review 6/12/17 – 6/18/17



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GOP Week in Review

6/12/17 – 6/18/17

Columbus Dispatch: The Daily Briefing: Ohio Senate president talks insurance mandates at White House

He was joined by Sen. Steve Wilson, R-Maineville, Rep. Mark Romanchuk, R-Mansfield, and Rea Hederman Jr. of the Buckeye Institute.

Cincinnati Business Courier: Ohio dogs soon may get their day on restaurant patios

"I'm a huge animal advocate. There's a number of other states and municipalities that allow it. It's all over Europe," Lanese told me on Tuesday. "Why not allow restaurants to make the decision for themselves? They know their customers best."

Columbus Underground: New bill would allow dogs on restaurant patios

"This legislation gives businesses the freedom to decide for themselves whether or not to allow dogs on their patios," said State Representative Laura Lanese (R-Grove City), who sponsored the bill. "It is also a recognition of the importance of animals in our lives. We already have pet-friendly hotels, pet-friendly parks, and pet-friendly events. It's a good opportunity for marketing our state as pet-friendly for tourism purposes as many travelers want to bring their pets along with them while they travel."

WSYX: Lawmakers looking to allow dogs to dine at restaurants

The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Laura Lanese (R - Grove City) said she started working on the bill after hearing from several restaurant owners who had only recently learned they couldn't have dogs on the patio. She said she understands some people won't want to eat with dogs around.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Ohio budget bill would expand wrongful conviction payouts

Rep. Bill Seitz, the Cincinnati Republican who sponsored the 2003 bill, said the court got it wrong. The legislature always intended procedural errors, regardless of when they occurred in the case, to make someone eligible for compensation.

WDTN: Ohio congressman hailed a hero for helping Scalise after Virginia shooting
“We’re at a time in our country,” Rep. Niraj Antani said. “Where we all just need to take a step back.”

Youngstown Vindicator: As senior population grows, so, too, must commitment to elder-abuse prevention

Three months ago, State Rep. Wes Rutherford, R-Hamilton, introduced House Bill 78, popularly known as the Elder Justice Act. It includes reforms to laws governing procedures of the JFS and Adult Protective Services in all 88 counties to better protect seniors from mistreatment.

The Daily Reporter: Lawmaker seeks tax credit to boost local voting

Rep. Steve Hambley, R-Brunswick, sponsor of House Bill 185, cited Ohio’s non-presidential election turnout — 40.37 percent — as justification for his bill.

Perry Tribune: Representatives introduce legislation on right to carry for off-duty officers

State Representatives Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) have introduced legislation to protect the right of off-duty peace officers to carry a concealed weapon.

Dayton Daily News: Backers want Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame at future monument site

State Rep. Rick Perales, R-Beavercreek, has introduced a bill establishing a nine-member board to oversee the Hall of Fame and a 2022 deadline for construction.

Daily Advocate: Guest column from Rep. Keith Faber: Old Glory withstands the changes of time

As public servants of this great nation, our loyalty to “Old Glory” is of the utmost importance; we must uphold the values it represents.

Richland Source: Guest column from Rep. Mark Romanchuk: Remembering the significance of the flag

To many, the American flag is the ultimate symbol of the values that our nation was built on—democracy, equality, freedom, and more. Every day, it flies above us, standing strong in the face of the adversities our nation encounters.

Times Reporter: Guest column from Rep. Al Landis: Legislation strengthens our families and communities

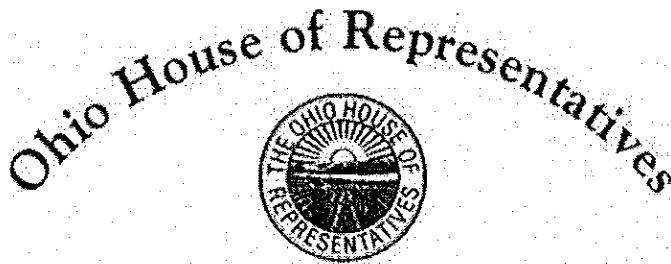
An important part of the success of the House Republican Caucus is to have a focused, member-driven policy platform that serves as the guiding principle behind priority

legislation. Earlier this year, our caucus unveiled the Buckeye Pathway, our policy agenda for the 132nd General Assembly.

News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Rosenberger: Wilmington's indeed split-tacular

A banana divided in two, topped with three scoops of ice cream, and finished with chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and a cherry. What could possibly be more delicious on a hot summer day? To us in Wilmington, what makes the banana split so special is that it was originally created right here in 1907.

From: Rep87
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:35 PM
To: GOP_All
Subject: Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Freeze Information
Attachments: Freeze Brief.pdf; We The People Convention Expansion Freeze Poll.pdf



Memorandum

To: House Republican Caucus
From: Representative Wes Goodman
Date: June 30th, 2017
Re: Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Freeze Information

I would first of all like to everyone who has offered their support to the Medicaid expansion enrollment freeze. As I said on this House floor, this is the most impactful action taken by any state to roll back and stop the Affordable Care Act, fulfilling promises we have all made to ensure a higher quality of care for all Ohioans. I thank you for your courage in joining me in the fight to ensure that our citizens are free to make their own healthcare choices, and that our Medicaid program is refocused on serving the truly vulnerable.

By now I am sure you have heard from detractors claiming that the freeze is not in the best interest of Ohioans. I encourage you to take a look at the following resources that support our decision and make clear that an expansion freeze is sound public policy.

- Attached: *Freeze Brief*, provides a general outline and talking points on the expansion freeze.
- Attached: *We the People Convention Expansion Freeze Poll*. This poll was taken yesterday, June 29th, and shows that 60.6% of all Ohioans and 81% of

- all Republicans do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the expansion freeze.
- Articles by Buckeye Institute Executive Vice President Rea Hederman Jr, published in The Hill
 - Highlighting issues with the sustainability and level of care provided by Medicaid: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/336600-medicare-doesnt-work-people-who-are-on-it-dont-have-better>
 - Highlighting and analyzing Ohio's role in "blazing the trail" on Medicaid reform: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/339889-ohio-is-blazing-the-trail-on-healthcare-reform>
 - National Review article analyzing the fallaciousness of the bombastic claim, "people will die!":
<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/448952/obamacare-repeal-will-not-kill-thousands>
 - Note that this article focuses on the claims being made about the Federal healthcare plans. This claim is even more detached from reality when used to decry our expansion freeze, which allows those currently covered to maintain coverage as long as they are eligible.
 - Article by Foundation for Government Accountability VP of Research Jonathan Ingram, explaining how the expansion has drawn funding away from the truly vulnerable: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/320620-freezing-obamacare-expansion-will-save-taxpayers-and-the-truly>
 - Article by Foundation for Government Accountability Senior Fellow Sam Adolphsen, presenting evidence that the expansion may actually exacerbate the opioid crisis: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/state-local-politics/339892-want-to-end-the-opioid-epidemic-start-by-freezing>
 - Poll from the Foundation for Government Accountability, showing that voters support freezing the Medicaid expansion: <https://thefga.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/National-MedEx-Freeze-Poll-1-23-17.pdf>
 - An op-ed that I recently penned that was published by the Daily Signal: <http://dailysignal.com/2017/06/30/ohio-already-rolling-back-parts-obamacare-states-can/>

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to joining you next week to override the Governor's veto, if need be.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance to you. My cell phone is (419) 210-0800 and I am available for questions anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes".

Medicaid Expansion Freeze Brief

What the Freeze Does

- Prohibits the Medicaid program from covering the Group VIII (expansion) population beginning on July 1, 2018.
- Exempts those with diagnosed mental illnesses or drug addiction, allowing them to enroll after the freeze date.
- Allows those expansion enrollees enrolled by July 1, 2018 to maintain their coverage until they become ineligible or the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for the Group VIII population is reduced by federal legislation.

Freezing expansion protects the truly needy

- Ohio's Medicaid waiting list enrollment sits at nearly 60,000. These are Ohioans with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities who aren't getting the care they need.
- Meanwhile, Ohio is spending billions on welfare for able-bodied (mostly childless) adults.
- Every penny spent on these adults is a penny that can't go to help Ohio's truly vulnerable.
- An enrollment freeze would immediately begin to make the truly needy a priority once again by moving able-bodied adults back to independence and freeing up limited resources for the vulnerable.

Freezing expansion protects taxpayers

- Ohio's Medicaid expansion has been overbudget since Day One.
- From January 2014 through March 2017, total expansion costs ran \$6.1 billion higher than originally projected in 2013 – an overrun of 94 percent. By the end of the year, that overrun will total a whopping \$8.3 billion.
- State taxpayers are now on the hook for 5% of these costs, with that share growing to 10% by 2020. Although the state has only been paying a share of the cost for a few months, the state's share has already run \$38 million over projections – an overrun of 125 percent. That overrun is projected to increase to \$145 million by the end of the year.
- Congress is poised to repeal the enhanced funding for expansion altogether. The House version of the American Healthcare Act (AHCA) would eliminate enhanced funding for new enrollees after 2020. The Senate version eliminates enhanced funding through a 3-year phase out, beginning in 2021.
- An enrollment freeze would stop the bleeding immediately, reducing costs and giving taxpayers much-needed relief. Based on the experiences in other states, freezing expansion enrollment at the end of the fiscal year will save between \$4.2 billion and \$5.5 billion over the next biennium. The state share of those savings would total between \$243 million and \$315 million.

Freezing expansion protects enrollees

- An enrollment freeze would allow current enrollees to stay on the program as long as they remain eligible.
- This avoids disruption for enrollees, allowing them to maintain enrollment until their situation improves enough that they can obtain insurance through the individual market or an employer.

Freezing expansion is politically popular

- A national 2017 poll found that voters support freezing Medicaid expansion enrollment by nearly two-to-one margins (53% to 33%).

Freezing expansion is practical and possible

- Other states have used enrollment freezes to unwind pre-ObamaCare expansions to childless adults and to unwind S-CHIP expansions.
- Freezes were previously approved by President Bush and President Obama.
- CMS can grant a waiver to allow states to freeze enrollment.
- CMS is set to release new guidance that will provide state options to freeze enrollment and reduce eligibility levels in the expansion.

Freezing expansion would have no effect on the drug addicted and mentally ill

- Mental health and addiction services accounted for only 5.62% of total expansion spending in 2016.
- Conference committee's version of the budget exempts individuals with mental health and drug addictions from the freeze, allowing them to enroll or reenroll past the freeze date of July 1, 2018.

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, June 29, 2017

POLL SHOWS OHIOANS – ESPECIALLY REPUBLICANS – DEMAND MEDICAID EXPANSION FREEZE

Akron, OH – Tom Zawistowski, President of the We the People Convention announced the results of a statewide Ohio poll tonight concerning the Medicaid Expansion Freeze that was included in the Budget just passed on Wednesday by the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. Contrary to polls put out by medical groups and others who benefit financially from Medicaid Expansion, the We the People Convention Poll shows that 60.6% of all Ohioans do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze in the budget, which does not cut anyone's Medicaid benefits, but simply stops growing the program that is already \$7 Billion over budget. Furthermore, the survey showed that if Governor Kasich does line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze, a plurality of all Ohioans, 51.7% to 49.3%, said that they would want the Ohio House and Ohio Senate to reconvene next week and override the Governor's veto.

Since the state is controlled by Republicans and the Budget was pass with only Republican votes, all of them from Governor Kasich, to Speaker Rosenberger and Senate President Obhof, and every Republican in the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, will get a very strong message from the poll results from their Republican voters. A total of 81% of Republican voters do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze. Then an equally strong 68.5% of Republican voters want Republicans in the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate to Override the Governor's Veto if required.

Commenting on the poll, Zawistowski said, "Ohioans understand that Governor Kasich's Medicaid Expansion is simply unsustainable. We credit the Republican members of the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, and their leadership, for recognizing that someone has to stop Kasich before he bankrupts Ohio. While we in the TEA Party/Liberty movement believe that Medicaid Expansion should be ended – it's not Medicaid it is welfare expansion – we were convinced that a first step of just stopping the growth of the program, without cutting anyone's benefits, was a "caring way" to take a first step as our Governor likes to say. We fully expect him to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze because John Kasich sees no reason to ever stop giving other people's money away while pretending he cares so much about people – but never mentioning the tax payers who pay for all his misguided spending. Therefore, we also fully expect, and all Republicans should expect, all 59 House Members who voted for the budget with the Freeze in it on Wednesday, and ALL 7 members who did not vote for the budget, to join all 23 members of the Senate next Thursday, July 6th and impose some financial sanity on the Governor by overriding his veto and representing their constituents – particularly the tax payers in their districts who are paying the bill for this irresponsible and unnecessary spending."

This Ohio poll was conducted for the We the People Convention, Inc. by TRZ Communications Services, Inc. of Akron, Ohio which was the polling company that first predicted the Trump Ohio landslide victory in last year's Presidential election. This automated poll was conducted on Thursday, June 29, 2017 between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The poll was designed to gather public opinion on the issue of Freezing Medicaid Expansion in Ohio. Calls were placed to 45,105 randomly selected voters from our data base of 4.5 million current land line phone numbers in Ohio. Of the 9,901 who answered our call, 625 respondents completed our automated poll, a 6.3% response rate. The poll has a margin of error of \pm 4.0% at the 95% confidence level. Demographically 26.99% of respondents vote Democrat, 29.6% vote Republican and 43% do not affiliate with any party. The gender breakdown was 57.68% women and 42.32% men. Results were gathered from 80 of the 88 Counties in Ohio. Every age group from 24 year olds to 90 year olds were surveyed.

Answer	Number	Percent	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Veto the Freeze	246	39.4%	35 - 19%	90 - 52.3%	121 - 45%
Do NOT Veto the Freeze	379	60.6%	149 - 81%	82 - 47.7%	148 - 55%
Override the Veto	317	51.7%	126 - 68.5%	65 - 37.8%	126 - 46.8%
Do NOT Override the Veto	308	49.3%	58 - 31.5%	107 - 62.2%	142 - 53.2%

Source: <http://www.wethepeopleconvention.org/>

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Congress Shifts to Tax Reform

On Sept. 27, Trump and the "Big Six" =7 which includes Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas), Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn — released their "unified framework" for overhauling the U.S. tax code. The nine-page document will serve as a starting point for tax writers in both the House and the Senate to hash out the rest of the details.

But before it fleshes out the details of tax reform, Congress will need to pass a budget resolution that includes tax reform instructions so that it can then use budget reconciliation for tax reform. Budget reconciliation is a legislative maneuver that allows the majority in the Senate to bypass the filibuster process, allowing them to pass legislation with 51 votes, instead of the normal 60. The House is expected to vote on its FY 2018 budget on Thursday. In the Senate, the full Budget Committee is expected to mark up its budget plan, which is quite different than the House bill, later this week.

Concerning tax reform, the Senate budget would allow tax writers to add as much as \$1.5 trillion to the deficit over 10 years, but the House budget would not allow a tax plan to add to the deficit. This is just one of several differences that the two chambers will have to reconcile before moving forward on a tax package. Budget aside, the White House is optimistic for a tax plan to move quickly through Congress. "We would hope to be in the Senate in November," Cohn told reporters last week. "And we would hope to have a bill done by this year."

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Meanwhile, the administration and GOP leaders will need to package this plan and sell it to the public as tax relief for the middle class and not a windfall for the wealthiest Americans if they want the reform to make it across the finish line. They will also need to secure the necessary votes in the Senate, which is anything but assured given that the slim Republican majority can ill-afford to lose votes of support.

In sum, enacting a tax plan this year might be overly optimistic given the tight congressional calendar and lack of agreement on key policy details. While Republicans are desperate for a win and a legislative victory, tax reform is by no means an easy feat and the process may continue well into 2018.

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NCSL Urges Preservation of the SALT Deduction

On Sept. 27, NCSL released the following statement regarding the tax reform framework:

As a central tenet of tax reform is to provide tax relief for the middle class, NCSL is dismayed that the released framework will eliminate a deduction that is vital to middle class taxpayers, the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction. The SALT deduction has existed in the federal tax code since its inception, which coincidentally was

also when the federal tax code was at its simplest, because federal tax writers were cognizant to not tax an individual's income twice.

Eliminating this deduction will lead to higher tax burdens for tens of millions of middle class taxpayers of every political affiliation, an outcome contrary to the stated goal of providing meaningful relief to taxpayers. The elimination of the SALT deduction also impedes the ability of states to invest in infrastructure, fund education, and provide the vital public services that Americans expect from their state and local governments.

Ensuring that the incomes of American workers are not taxed twice hardly counts as a special interest tax break or loophole that needs to be closed. NCSL strongly supports preservation of the SALT deduction and opposes any attempt to harm middle class taxpayers and their communities.

Protect state taxpayers. Protect local decision making. Protect SALT.

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DYK? The Coinage Act of 1792 established the U.S. Mint, created the dollar as the nation's standard unit of money, and regulated the country's coinage. Specifically, the law specified that \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 coins (known as eagles, half-eagles and quarter-eagles) were to be made of their face value in gold, while the dollar, half-dollar, quarter-dollar, dime and half-dime coins were to be made of their value in silver.

Criminals found that they could make a profit by filing shavings from the sides of gold and silver coins, and selling it. It did not take long for the U.S. Mint to begin adding ridges to the coins' edges, a process called "reeding," to make it impossible to shave them down without the result being obvious. As a side benefit, the reeded edges make counterfeiting more difficult.

SCOTUS Gerrymandering Case Could Reshape American Politics

"There is only one prediction that is entirely safe about the upcoming term, and that is it will be momentous." - Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sept. 20, 2017

Today, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) returns for what could be one of the most consequential terms of the court in recent memory. In addition to cases on immigration, religious freedom, and privacy already on the docket, it will hear oral arguments in a case about partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin, where a federal court in November 2016 struck down a legislative map for being too partisan. In *Gill v. Whitford*, a panel of three federal judges ruled that the Wisconsin State Assembly map adopted in 2011 violated the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution. If the court ultimately rules against the plaintiffs, it could mean that no amount of partisan bias could make electoral districts unconstitutional. But on the

flipside, if the court sides with the plaintiffs, it could ultimately lead to drastic changes of electoral maps and how state legislatures draw them.

DYK?On this day in...

- **1996:** President Bill Clinton signed the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments (E-FOIA), which required executive branch agencies to make certain types of records, created on or after Nov. 1, 1996, to be made available electronically. The amendments also required agencies to provide electronic reading rooms for citizens to use and extended the response time to FOIA requests from 10 days to 20 business days.
- **1980:** Pennsylvania Congressman Michael Myers became the first member of either chamber of Congress to be expelled since the Civil War, for his involvement in the Abscam scandal. As part of the public corruption investigation, Myers was videotaped accepting a \$50,000 bribe from undercover FBI Agents.
- **1967:** Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African-American justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Senate Releases Bipartisan Autonomous Vehicle Legislation That Pre-empts States

On Sep. 28, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John Thune (R-S.D.), and Senators Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) unveiled legislation regarding autonomous vehicles—the American Vision for Safer Transportation Through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act. The AV START Act is similar to the House passed SELF DRIVE but it also contains several significant differences as well as areas of concern for states, notably in the areas of pre-emption and safety evaluation reports. The Commerce Committee will consider the legislation at a markup schedule for Oct. 4.

Pre-emption

The Senate committee bill currently includes a pre-emption section identical to that included in the bill passed by the House. Specifically, the language would pre-empt states from regulating the performance of automated driving systems (ADS) as well as any "unreasonable restrictions" concerning registration, licensing, driving education and training, insurance, law enforcement, crash investigations, safety and emissions inspections, congestion management of vehicles on the street within a state or political subdivision of a state, or traffic on the design, construction, or performance of highly automated vehicles or ADS. **NCSL Urges State Legislators to Contact their Congressional Delegations to Voice their Opposition to the Pre-Emption.**

Additionally, the bill would prohibit a state from issuing licenses for a dedicated highly automated vehicle (DHAV), which the bill defines as a level 4 or 5 automated vehicle, in a way that discriminates against those with disabilities.

A full NCSL analysis of the AV START legislation can be [read here](#).

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A Deeper Dive on Transportation, Energy, Environment and Agriculture Policy

For those looking for a deep dive on federal Transportation, Energy, Environment and Agriculture topics, please check out the September editions of our Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee's three monthly newsletters:

- Energy&Agriculture Update-latest federal developments influencing agriculture and energy policy
- Environment Update-latest federal developments on environment policy
- Transportation Update-latest federal developments on transportation policy

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DYK?Russia did not consider beer, or any beverage that contained less than 10 percent alcohol, to be alcoholic until 2011. They previously classified it as a soft drink. The new restrictions were signed off by then President Dmitry Medvedev as part of an attempt to counter alcohol abuse, which he earlier called a "national calamity."

Supreme Court Will Hear Far-Reaching Union Case

The Supreme Court of the United States agreed on Thursday to hear *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case challenging the legality of union fees that could have serious ramifications for public sector unions. The case revolves around Illinois state employee Mark Janus, who contends the requirement that he pay union fees to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) violates his free speech rights. The justices considered this issue once before, when the Court took up *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* last year. That case was brought by a California teacher, Rebecca Friedrichs, and resulted in a 4-4 deadlock following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Should the justices vote the same way, Neil Gorsuch will be in a position to offer the final tie-breaking vote.

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Trump Signs Hurricane Relief Legislation for Schools, Issues Hurricane Relief Guidance

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The president signed S. 1866 into law on Friday after the bill passed through Congress last week. The bill offers various forms of support for schools and colleges impacted by the recent hurricanes. Specifically, the law:

- Allows the U.S. Department of Education to waive a requirement that higher education institutions contribute matching funds as part of the Federal Work Study and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs.
- Redistributions the unused funds in those programs to colleges affected by the hurricanes.
- Provides access for private schools to funds available under the Project School Emergency Response to Violence program.

The law comes on the heels of new non-regulatory hurricane relief guidance, issued by the department on Sept. 22. The guidance identifies areas of federal law that are subject to flexibility and waivers for grantees and program participants impacted by natural disasters. The guidance focuses on support and flexibility options available to schools, state educational agencies, state lead agencies, local educational agencies, local early intervention service programs and providers, State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools, Tribes, and postsecondary institutions with a focus on the 2017 hurricanes. The department will hold a webinar discussing the details of the guidance on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. ET. Interested participants may register [here](#).

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HHS Secretary Pays Price for Travel

On Friday, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price resigned for his use of private charter and military jets to travel around the country at taxpayer expense. Don Wright, a longtime U. S. Health and Human Services (HHS) career employee, doctor and public health expert was named acting HHS secretary Friday following Price's resignation. Soon after Price stepped down, Washington began speculating about possible candidates for his replacement, including:

- Scott Gottlieb, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration
- Seema Verma, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- David Shulkin, the secretary of veterans affairs
- Former Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal
- Florida Governor Rick Scott

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Also of Note...

Federal Funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which covers 9 million children, expired on Sept. 30. If Congress does not act, the Kaiser Family Foundation expects 10 states to run out of money for the program by the end of the year, and 21 states will be out of money by March 2018.

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The National Flood Insurance Program, a federal program that aims to provide affordable flood insurance to property owners, has depleted its borrowing authority after a series of devastating hurricanes over the past several weeks. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which runs the program, notified Congress on Sept. 20 that it borrowed \$5.8 billion from the Treasury to fund losses this year, including those incurred by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and "anticipated programmatic activities." The balance of FEMA's remaining borrowing authority is now zero, according to the agency.

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Read the Sept. 25, 2017, Capitol-to-Capitol.

If you have comments or suggestions, please contact [Max Behlke](#).



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RISE IN VIOLENT CRIME CASES CAUSES NEED TO FIND JAIL SPACE

A jump in federal cases involving violent crimes and drug cases being prosecuted in Ohio has officials looking for more jail space.

OHIO COURT WON'T HEAR CASE IN SEIZURE OF EXOTIC ANIMALS

Another court has dealt a blow to an Ohio man who is trying to get his six tigers and several other exotic animals back from the state.

CORONER IDs SUSPECT KILLED AFTER FATALLY SHOOTING POLICEMAN

A coroner has identified the Ohio man suspected of killing a policeman before he was fatally shot by another officer responding to a domestic disturbance at a home.

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OHIO STATE COULD LEARN FROM FLORIDA'S SECURITY FOR RICHARD SPENCER'S SPEECH

If Ohio State University is ordered by a judge to host Richard Spencer, it might consider how a Florida university handled the white nationalist's visit on Thursday.

COURT SEEKS COMMENT ON RELEASING GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS IN POLICE SHOOTINGS

A proposed change in Ohio court rules to allow now-secret grand jury transcripts to be released to the public — targeted at cases in which police officers are not indicted in fatal shootings of suspects — has reached a new phase.

GOVERNOR CANDIDATES, DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS AGREE TO 2 DEBATES AFTER SPARRING

After disagreeing with party officials, Ohio's four Democratic candidates for governor apparently have agreed to a pair of debates in Columbus on Sunday.

DOES COLLEGE LEAD STUDENTS AWAY FROM RELIGION?

When it comes to religion, higher education has a bad reputation among some people.

EDITORIAL: TAX REFORM THREATENS HISTORIC BUILDINGS

As the GOP undertakes comprehensive tax reform, it should restore the Federal Historic Tax Credit, a program that preserves America's irreplaceable historic buildings, generates jobs and more than pays for itself.

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HOUSE DEFENSE LEADER AT WRIGHT PATT, SAYS AF PILOT SHORTAGE GROWING

The Air Force has been "hemorrhaging" pilots in a growing shortage that shows the impact sequestration has had on the military, a top congressional defense leader said.

CLARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS NEW TAX TO SUPPORT MUSEUM

The Clark County Historical Society will ask voters to approve a new property tax on Nov. 7 that the group says will preserve and showcase local artifacts for residents and visitors.

TIPP CITY SCHOOLS NOW PART OF OHIO ONLINE CHECKBOOK

The Tipp City Exempted Village Schools now are part of the Ohio Online Checkbook offering financial information on government entities across the state who choose to participate.

THE PLAIN DEALER

DO YOU WANT TO LOSE THIS TAX DEDUCTION? WILL YOUR CONGRESSMAN OR CONGRESSWOMAN FIGHT IT?

The Senate paved the way for tax reform with a tax-cutting budget late last week, and Americans could see the actual tax-reform bill soon -- a chance to know what's in and out.

SEN. SHERROD BROWN CALLS WHITE HOUSE AIDE, ADVISER 'WHITE SUPREMacists.' WHITE HOUSE SAYS THAT'S SLANDEROUS

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio called presidential adviser Steve Bannon a white supremacist and said Stephen Miller, a senior policy adviser to President Donald Trump, "seems to be" one, too.

PRISONS ARE IMPORTANT PIECES IN OHIO GERRYMANDERING: OUT OF LINE - IMPACT 2017 AND BEYOND

Ohio's clever gerrymandering - the act of drawing congressional district lines for political gain - goes beyond chasing like-minded voters.

EDITORIAL: HEY, CLEVELAND MAYOR FRANK JACKSON AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE ARMOND BUDISH, TELL US WHAT YOU OFFERED AMAZON!

The man who leads Amazon.com also owns The Washington Post, where the motto this year is "Democracy dies in darkness," so we find it astounding that Northeast Ohio's elected leaders have shrouded the region's bid for Amazon's second headquarters in darkness.

THE ENQUIRER

CINCINNATI AREA COLLEGE PRESIDENTS ASK CONGRESS TO PROTECT DREAMERS

Several local university presidents have signed a letter asking Congress to permanently protect students known as Dreamers. Those students' legal immigrant status was put in jeopardy when President Trump rescinded the Obama Administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy in September.

SHERROD BROWN: I WON'T APOLOGIZE FOR CALLING TRUMP ADVISERS RACIST

The White House blasted Sen. Sherrod Brown over his comments Sunday that a top adviser to President Trump "seems to be" a white supremacist and other staffers are sympathetic to such hate groups.

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LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS TRYING TO REDUCE CANCER RISKS

As cancer awareness increases, departments have sought grants for latest equipment and have emphasized safe practices to reduce hazards.

THE BLADE

STATEWIDE DATABASE OF VIOLENT OFFENDERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE ONLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

A statewide database of violent offenders proposed in the wake of last year's murder of Sierah Joughin in Fulton County would be strictly for law enforcement eyes under revisions made recently by Ohio lawmakers.

ROSSFORD APPROVES MEDICAL MARIJUANA MORATORIUM

The sale and cultivation of medical marijuana could be legalized in Rossford after a moratorium expires.

TOLEDO COUNCILMAN SYKES PLEADS NOT GUILTY ON ASSAULT CHARGES

A Toledo city councilman and candidate for re-election in next month's general election appeared Monday before a Toledo Municipal Court judge and pleaded not guilty to assault.

TOLEDO'S HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM SEASON COMES TO END

Toledo officially ended the 2017 harmful algal bloom season Monday after nine consecutive days with cooler temperatures and no microcystin detected in raw lake water at the city's intake crib.

EDITORIAL: WE CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH FOR DRUG FIGHT

In the fight against the raging opioid epidemic in Ohio, every professional on the front lines will say he is underarmed.

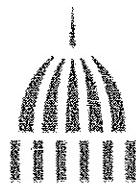
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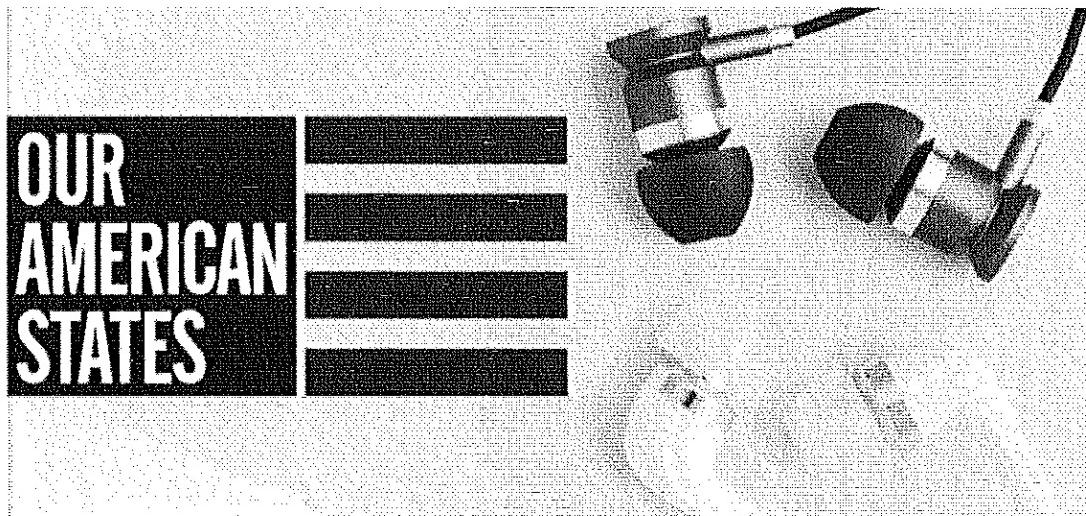
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U.S. Supreme Court Cases to Watch This Term



Five cases that the U.S. Supreme Court has put on its docket for the current term could have a significant impact on states. State legislatures are waiting for decisions on these cases, and could cause them to change state laws depending on how the court rules. And a potentially explosive sixth case is waiting in the wings.

Our guests this episode are **Lisa Soronen**, executive director of the State and Local Legal Center, and **Susan Frederick**, senior federal affairs counsel at NCSL.

The cases we examine are:

- *Gill v. Whitford*, a Wisconsin case in which the court may decide whether partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional.
- *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, looks at whether Colorado's public accommodations law violates a cake artist's First Amendment free speech and free exercise rights.
- *Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees* the court will address whether unions can collect dues from nonmembers.
- *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute* looks at Ohio's procedures to remove voters from their rolls after four years of inactivity.
- *Christie v. National Collegiate Athletic Association* may decide how far Congress can regulate states and localities in the absence of comprehensive federal regulation.

And, as a bonus, we'll discuss what could happen if the court accepts a South Dakota case that could overturn the 1992 *Quill Corp v North Dakota*, which said states could not force business to

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Utica Shale Activity
Updated December 02, 2017

Permits issued: 2,694
Permits issued last week: 10
Wells drilled: 2,184
Wells in production: 1,735
Total rigs: 21

Events Calendar

- OOGA Winter Meeting
March 03, 2018, Columbus, Ohio

Source: Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas Resources
Management's online statistics.

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News Coverage

Natural Gas Industry Offers Opportunities in Belmont County

A booming oil and natural gas industry is attracting a variety of professionals to the local area, including a lawyer who is taking advantage of the trend to return to her Belmont County roots.

The U.S. will be the "undisputed leader for oil and gas production for decades," according to the Paris-based International Energy Agency, while there are nearly double the number of drilling rigs working in Ohio compared to this time last year. Also, with the possibility of a \$6 billion ethane cracker coming to Dilles-Boitom, the recent announcement by China Energy to invest \$83.7 billion for petrochemical plants in West Virginia, and the completion of EQT Corp.'s \$8.2 billion merger with Rice Energy, Belmont County may find itself as the epicenter of the Marcellus and Utica shale boom for years to come.

All of this activity has led the Emens & Wolper law firm of Columbus, Ohio, to open a new office in St. Clairsville with a specific focus on the oil and natural gas industry. Heidi Kemp, a 2001 Union Local High School graduate who has worked in Columbus and Knoxville, Tenn., during the last several years, will lead the office.

"With the ethane cracker, plus all of the pipelines that are coming through, it is only a matter of time before things really take off in this area," Kemp said while working in her West Main Street office.

Wheeling Intelligencer/News-Register (12/04/2017)

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Oil and gas industry moving south -- and picking up -- in Ohio

Local leaders say the oil and gas industry is turning a new direction in Ohio.

On the heels of Belmont besting Carroll county for most drilling permits in the state of Ohio, leaders say they're gearing up for another productive spike in oil and gas activity.

"I think the drilling and what I'm hearing, and what people I'm talking to in the industry is going to pick in 2018," said Larry Merry, Belmont County Port Authority director.

Unemployment rates are lower as the local population has picked up jobs made available through the economic activity that fracking has created.

"Look around," Merry said. "Look at the restaurants, look at the white pickup trucks. And the one thing I want everybody to remember, those pickup trucks may have out-of-state plates on them, and they may look like companies, but a lot of those trucks are driven by local folks. And so the jobs are here."

Steubenville WTOV-NBC (11/30/2017)

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Shale Activity Fuels Uptick at Bolt Construction

Bolt Construction Inc. is taking in 11 loads of 42-inch pipe over the next few days to be cut apart and welded into prefabricated sections for field installation in the oil and gas industry.

Demand is "very high" now, reports Todd Miller, vice president. Bidding activity for work is higher during the fourth quarter of 2017 than the company has seen since 2014, he said.

This year, Miller estimated, business should be up 50% over 2016, and he projected that activity should continue. Bolt supplies pipe for oil and gas customers through the Utica and Marcellus shale plays.

Earlier this year, Bolt reported that energy companies were accelerating their drilling programs in the shale plays in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Youngstown Business Journal(12/01/2017)

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Rover gives to Belmont County EMAs

Rover Pipeline officials presented checks to three local Emergency Management Agencies on Wednesday, giving the organizations the ability to purchase tools and training they need for their jobs.

The Rover Pipeline is a 713-mile pipeline that carries natural gas across the state of Ohio, passing through 18 different counties along the way. The pipeline also reaches into parts of West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and it extends from Ohio into Michigan. It is designed to transport 3.25 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from the Marcellus and Utica shale fields to markets in the United States and Canada.

The overall cost of the pipeline project is projected at \$4.2 billion.

William Barth, senior specialist for emergency response with Rover, said the purpose of the check presentations was to give first responders the tools they need to respond to community emergencies as efficiently as possible, whether the pipeline is involved or not.

Martins Ferry Times Leader (11/30/2017)

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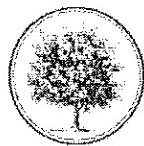
Members of the House Public Utilities Committee,

Please see the attached document, it is written interested party testimony on HB 247 from Greg Lawson with Buckeye Institute. It was unintentionally omitted from yesterday's hearing, but will be added to the record to reflect that it was submitted to our office prior to the start of committee yesterday. Let me know if there are questions.



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**Interested Party Testimony Before the
Ohio House Public Utilities Committee on
House Bill 247**

December 12, 2017

**Greg R. Lawson, Research Fellow
The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions**

Chairman Cupp, Vice Chairman Carfagna, Ranking Member Ashford, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak about the important electricity market reform policies found in House Bill 247. My name is Greg R. Lawson and I am the Research Fellow at The Buckeye Institute, a free-market think tank here in Columbus.

There is a serious problem at hand in our electric market that requires good policy to fix: Wholesale electricity prices have fallen dramatically since 2009, but the retail price that customers actually pay has only continued to increase.¹ This problem is holding back the Ohio economy.

Historically, it is now clear that Ohio's hybrid restructuring model is unworkable and policymakers must either go back to a fully integrated, regulated structure or complete the electricity market reforms that the General Assembly initiated in 1999.

Manufacturing is the single largest sector in the state in terms of Gross Domestic Product,² and manufacturers typically count electricity as one of their largest expenditures. Making the electricity market more price competitive will help this important sector to compete on the global market and continue to employ Ohioans.

Low-cost electricity is also a key factor for data centers and other infrastructure of the information sector. Technology companies are increasingly counting Ohio as a candidate for new sites, and a more competitive electricity market should help to attract and retain these investments. Critically, the issue of cross-subsidization must be addressed. Electric utilities must not be able to obtain anticompetitive subsidies for affiliate generation. Allowing this to happen undermines the market.

¹ Russ Keller, "Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement: H.B. 247 of the 132nd General Assembly, As Introduced," Ohio Legislative Service Commission, November 28, 2017, <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=8111&format=pdf>.

² The Buckeye Institute and Tax Foundation, "Ohio Illustrated: A Visual Guide to Taxes & the Economy," June 7, 2017, <https://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/library/doclib/2017-06-07-Ohio-Illustrated-A-Visual-Guide-to-Taxes-And-the-Economy.pdf>.